

**Lanesborough Economic Development Committee
October 13, 2021 – Lanesborough Town Hall – 5:30pm
Minutes**

Attendance: Present: Barb Hassan, Chairperson. Members: Tom Voisin, Pat Hubbard, Laura Brennan and Wylie Goodman, Representatives from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. David Vogel has resigned from the committee. Absent: Kevin Towle, Joe Prince

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by Barb Hassan, Chairperson.

Review of the Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2021 and September 22, 2021

A motion was made by Tom Voisin and seconded by Pat Hubbard to approve the minutes of both meetings as amended. The motion unanimously passed.

Business 2 Business Events

The Lanesborough Local Market had their soft opening on Saturday, October 9th. It was suggested that they be approached to host the December B2B event. Pat agreed to stop by this business to offer them this opportunity. Members proposed December 7th, 8th or 9th as possible dates. Pat suggested that the February B2B event be scheduled at the Lanesborough Town Hall. The timing would be excellent as the new town employees would have had a chance to settle in and the LEDC Business Handbook might be ready for an initial review.

LEDC Business Handbook

Draft copies are still being reviewed by the appropriate town departments. Laura Brennan is following up with Department Heads and hopes to be able to provide an update soon.

Welcome to Lanesborough Certificate for New Businesses

Pat agreed to find review the wording used by other towns to see if that generates wording that this committee would like to use on the Lanesborough certificate.

Lanesborough Signature Outdoor Recreation Event - Tour de Greylock

Proposed date: September 24, 2022.

Members discussed the proposed where the event should start and end. Laston Park was previously discussed, however, the Recreation Committee has concerns about the safety of the youth that would be in the park during the time the cycling event takes place. Lanesborough Elementary School, old Vacation Village site and the Berkshire Mall were three other suggestions. As a way of augmenting the funds raised through Tour de Greylock it was suggested that members meet with Perri Petricca of Unistress Industries to ask for a donation to help cover the cost of the bridge from Laston Park to Constitution Hill. It was also suggested that members walk Laston Park before any meeting held with Mr. Petricca. Laura agreed to contact BRNC to determine if they had selected a location for a bridge, should the funds be available to support its construction. There were questions about the proposed Tour de Greylock budget so Pat agreed to bring an updated budget, a list of proposed sponsors and possible route to the next meeting.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021 at 5:30pm and will be available by Zoom.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm was made by Tom and seconded by Pat. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Hubbard
Recording Secretary, LEDC